



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **RECEIVED**

In Re the Application of:

SPIERS et al.

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For: "BLOCK DATA STORAGE  
WITHIN A COMPUTER  
NETWORK"

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

) Art Unit: 2141

) Examiner: Coulter, Kenneth R. Technology Center 2100

) Confirmation No.: 5249

) REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of January 21, 2004, please amend  
and reconsider the above-identified application as follows: